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## THE CALANDER.

(Notes from essay on Calendar for class in Astronomy, December '93).

The word "calendar" comes from the Latin *calendar* *calends* which is akin to *calere*—to call, to proclaim—and is the first day of the Roman month, so named because, on this day the feasts of the month were proclaimed by the priests.

We are now supplied with such accurate methods of computing time that we are apt to recognize the chronological data of the distant past as on a par with the verity of our Gregorian calendar. But if we trace the development of our calendar back and see the rude methods which the ancients used for computing time—each nation differing in some respects from all others—we will find difficulties in the way of the chronologists which would cause us to doubt as to the exact date of events occurring at any time in the distant past.

The absence of letters, the resulting difficulty of recording history, only transmitting it orally from generation to generation, permitted much that was legendary to creep into and destroy the value of the chronicles.

Then for a long period there was no fixed point of time from which dates were reckoned and any event of note was taken as such a point to have its little era until it would give way to some other.

Individuals counted from the year of their birth, monarchs from their accession, which is the notation of most ancient inscriptions, notably the old Testament, as in Daniel XI, 1, "In the first year of Darius the Mede," and in II Chron. 13, 1, "Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah."

In Greek antiquity we have the Olympiad, a period of four years, which was the interval between the celebration of olympic games, and which reckoned time from the victory of Coroebus in the foot race which took place 776 B. C.

In course of time people began to date from events of national import.

Most every people, nation and religion has some event from which it dates its era.

The Romans measured from the founding of Rome. In a proclamation by our president he mentions the year of our independence as well as the year of our Lord. The Jews count from the creation of the world, and make this since Sept. the 10th the 5654th year. The Russian Greek church has what is called the Byzantine era, dating from the creation, and this, according to their calculation, is the year 7401. The Japanese date from the beginning of Japanese history 2553 years ago.

Some of the ancients counted 12 lunar months a year; others twelve months of alternately 30 and 31. The Mexicans had a year of 360 days, with five supplementary days. This year they divided into eighteen months of twenty days.

Some nations began their year at autumnal equinox, Sept. 22d; some at vernal equinox, March 22d; some at summer solstice, June 22d; others at winter solstice, December 22d. Other dates used for the beginning of the year are March 1st, June 1st, December 25th, March 25th, and Easter.

In England from the fourteenth century up till 1752, the year began on the 25th of March.

The time of beginning of the year was not so much of importance as the length it was made. Before the time of Julius Caesar it was reckoned at 365 days. This we know was in error by 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds too short, and if allowed to accumulate would amount to a whole year in 1508 years. Caesar, 46 B. C., remedied this greatly by calling 365½ days a year, adding an extra day every four years. But this was 11 minutes and 14 seconds too long, and the error ran until A. D. 1582 when it amounted to ten days, when Pope Gregory XIII corrected it by skipping the ten days and counting only those century years as leap years, which are divisible by 400.

I have mentioned a few of the many periods and methods used in measuring time and we can see the liability we are exposed to of falling

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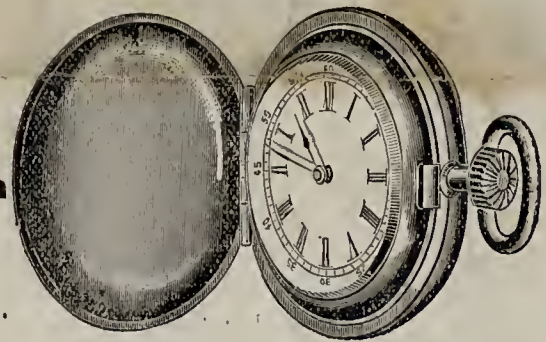
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into error with regard to dates of ancient time. While it may be possible to ferret out approximately the time of events a few hundred years before Christ, yet if we accept the history of man as far as it has been written we are bound to see amid the mist of that barbarism where his history places him that there would not have been a record kept by him. And if he had been so disposed to keep a record he was not able to do so, nor could he have preserved it as he led his flocks seeking over the wide orient where he could find the best pasture.

Bishop James Ussher, who lived from 1580 to 1656, compiled the chronology used by our Bible. Ussher was a catholic priest of great learning and ability who no doubt compiled as correct data as any one man could obtain. Yet what possibility had he of knowing the world was created just 4004 years before Christ. That this should be in our Bible is at times a most unfortunate thing. There are those who think the Bible must stand or fall upon that record. Therefore they defend this chronology with the greatest zeal, when in fact it is no more necessary that they do so than that a Methodist should defend "Smith's Hair Restorer" because he finds it advertised in the Christian Advocate, or that Democrats should use "Snyder's Fat Folks Reduced" because they see its advertisements in the Courier-Journal.

We can not say then how old the world is, for who has told us? Who has taken a bird's eye view of the ages? When was the "beginning"? How long after the beginning until creation was complete? Must we say it was twenty-hours? Will we dispute the book of the ages if we say those were not ordinary days? The best scholars say we do not. Does the Bible say how old the world is? No. Then shall we take the Bible as authority on a subject of which it does not treat? No. But as we learn: The earth is a great cemetery covered with graves of the buried dead. The rocks are its tombstones on which are written life's birth, its history, its age, its epitaph. Let the paleontologist approach and read.

RUFUS L. WEAVER.

Editor to Printer— You've ruined me. In describing the great ball I wrote that the famous lecturer on dress wore nothing that was remarkable. You've printed it: "Mrs. B. wore nothing. That was remarkable." Get your money of the cashier and go. We've no use for a man like you around here.—Life.

## THE PATTERSON.

There is always a large and appreciative audience present when the Patterson entertains. This was the case Friday, February 2d, when the society was called to order by President Kerriek.

The first on the program was Mr. Beardsley who greatly amused the audience by reading "The Negro Debate." Then after a good declamation by Mr. Walker, a splendid essay by Mr. Jones and an amusing narration by Mr. Hill came the regular debate. On the affirmative were Messrs McDaniel and Woods, and on the negative Wilmott and Geary. The discussion was very interesting and after it was over the judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

The evening's enjoyment was no doubt heightened in a great degree by the assistance of the State College Glee Club, and although it was their first appearance for this year the encores were numerous, and "The Iceman on the Bank" elicited round after round of applause. If laughter and applause are to be taken as evidence, the audience certainly enjoyed the occasion.

On the 9th a declamation contest was held by the society in order to determine who should be our representative in the Midwinter Declamatory Contest to be held at Cynthiana February 23d. Mr. Walker's—"Anthony's oration over Caesar's dead body"—was delivered in his usual good style; Mr. McDaniel's "Extract from Henry W. Grady," was given in a manner befitting the author, but it remained for Mr. Dean in "The South—Its Chivalry and Love," to take away the prize with his clear enunciation and splendid delivery.

The Patterson looks back over the work of the past two months with pardonable pride, forward to the rest of the year with buoyant hopes, and gets down to work in earnest.

A large number responded to the invitation sent out last week by the State College to visit the mechanical shops and chemical laboratory, Wednesday afternoon.

One member of Prof. White's recent astronomy class has become such an adept in the science that she declares she "can just see the expression of the bull's face in the constellation Taurus!"

President Skinner and all the young ladies of Hamilton visited State College Wednesday afternoon.

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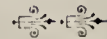
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## IN AND ABOUT COLLEGE.

Messrs Davis, McDaniel, Lewis Houston, Powell, Hobdy and Shelbourne attended the Y. M. C. A. convention at Covington recently.

Mr. E. J. Hobdy has been elected Captain of the base ball team of '94. Mr. Hobdy will make an excellent Captain being a good player and a favorite among the boys, which will command the respect and obedience of his men; and if they follow his guidance, will be the winners.

This year the Patterson Literary Society, instead of celebrating the President's birthday by an open session as has been customary hitherto, will hold an Oratorical Contest. The contestants will compete for a handsome gold medal to be given by the President, and some good efforts are expected. The contest will be held Friday evening, March 23.

It is tacitly agreed that the open sessions given by the Philosophian Society far surpass those given by the other societies at college, and an announcement that the young ladies are going to have an open session is always welcome. On Friday evening, March 2, they contemplate holding such an event in the Patterson Society hall, and herewith we present the program:

Recitation.....Miss Marie Oldham.  
Alphabet..... " Anna Booth.  
Parody..... " Martha White.  
Original Story... Marguerite King.  
Essay..... " Hattie Warner.  
"Star"..... Katherine Shelby,

The Executive Committee of the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association held a meeting in Lexington, Saturday, February 24th. The State College was admitted into the association, and the colleges represented this year will be: Kentucky University, Central University, Georgetown College, Centre College, and Kentucky State College.

## Running the Marriage Gauntlet.

We were camped alongside of an emigrant train in Nebraska, and just after supper a woman about forty years of age, who was smoking a pipe come over to our fire and sized the crowd up and said:

"I've got something to say. I am a plain spoken woman. When I've got a thing on my mind I don't beat around the bush." We looked at her with curiosity and surprise, and she leaned against the wheel of a wagon and continued. "I've been a widder for three years. Over there I've got a good span of mews, a good hoss, a new wagon filled with housekeepin stuff, and I kin rake up about \$80 in cash. I cum along with the party to take up a claim. I'm good tempered, healthy and can swing an ax or hold a plow with most anybody. As I said I am a plain spoken woman.

"If there's a critter among you who wants to get married let him stand up while I take a look at him."

Eleven of us promptly stood up. "Git in line," she continued, with a wave of her hand. "I hain't after beauty or eddecashun, but I can't take a feller who'd skeer a wolf to death."

She passed down the line and then returned half way and said to a middle aged man named Remington:

"You'll do I reckon. There's a preacher in camp, and 'twont take fifteen minuits to settle things. All as want to see the marryin' come on."

We followed the couple, who were made man and wife inside of twenty minutes, and next morning as we passed the wagon on the road the woman looked out and bowed:

"Sorry for the other ten of ye: but perhaps you'll meet up with the other train soon and strike luck, too."—Charles B. Lewis.—Louisville Commercial.

Capt. E. Brand says that he is in such hard luck that if money grew on trees he'd catch the rheumatism, so he couldn't climb,

Tommy Stone Lewis while on the elevator in the Y. M. C. A. Temple in Cincinnati in great astonishment remarked to the elevator boy. "Do you keep going up all day in this horrible thing?" "No," replied he, "I am half the day going down."

Ex-Editor and Correspondent-at-large, Captin E. Brand, went home for the 22nd, and did not return till Sunday.

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Again the time has come at which we must yield to the clamor of the populace, and avoid a tumult by giving to the world another issue of the CADET. Again it becomes the task of ye editor to grind forth another of his soul-stirring and heart-rending editorials upon current college occurrences. But here again is the rub—nothing has occurred, that is to say, nothing worthy of editorial mention, and we say with Solomon "there is no news under the sun." The Spirit of Unrest seems to have departed, along with some of our lamented friends of last and former years, and everything goes entirely too smoothly to suit the minds of the editors who must either have something to write about or else go out of the business. Numerous have been our

wails and vociferations in regard to these matters, but the response is feeble. We hope the friends of the CADET will at least furnish us some topics for the next issue.

Apologies for the somewhat feeble appearance of this issue of the CADET are due to our subscribers. And by subscribers we mean those who pay their subscriptions—others are not supposed to be interested, and hence are not addressed in this article. Our apology is this: It is our intention to bring forth the CADET towards the latter part of each month, and the fact that February was a short month failed to enter into our calculations until it was too late. We intend to watch the calendar more closely in the future, and will use all our surplus energy to see that it does not occur again.

Tom S. had waited long and remarked at leaving, "I have just missed the last car and will have to walk home."

"That's too bad," replied she, and then sweetly added, "but there's nothing to prevent you taking a buss at the door." He took a buss and went home.

Len Hughes in anticipation of summer has had a spider painted on the top of his bald head to frighten off the flies.

A woman's heart like the moon is always changing, and it always has a man in it.

Profs. Johnson and Newman, Miss Hattie Warner, Messrs. J. W. Woods, Charles Reisch, W. M. Woods, and Paul Ward, attended the declamatory contest at Cynthiana last Friday.

What would be a good way to have a rousing time every morning? Become a bugler in the dormitory.

M. J. Jones has been nominated for County Clerk of Henry county by a Democratic majority of 500. Luck to you, "Crip."

President Patterson in arithmetic class to McDaniel—How should the floating debt be paid?

McDaniel—In current coin.

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Now William and Mauzaize  
Went out one day to walk,  
And being "groniards" of the past  
They couldn't help but talk.  
They talk'd of glorious days gone by,  
How peace, though sweet, imposes  
A greater debt than all the war,  
"De soixante dix," says Mauzaize.

II.  
Says William to Mauzaize,  
"The morning's very fine,  
We'll rest a bit at Marguery's  
And sip some Rhenish wine."  
They talked of Lesseps, pere et fils,  
And the Panama exposes.  
"A rotten thing from first to last,  
A mon avis," says Mauzaize.

III.  
Says William to Mauzaize,  
"The prospect's very blue.  
These anarchists and communards  
Have threatened to undo  
The ties that make all France unite  
When Humbert interposes  
Between us and our Prussian friends.  
"C'est mon avis," says Mauzaize.

IV.  
Says William to Mauzaize,  
"Your army's well equipped.  
If old Bazaine had had such guns  
He surely would have whipped.  
You've got the men, you've got  
the arms,  
Ce qu'il vous faut to thrash your  
foes is, (The Kaiser knows and so do I),  
"A Bonaparte," says Mauzaize.

V.  
Says William to Mauzaize,  
"You didn't get to see  
The Fair the paryennes set up  
In eighteen ninety-three.  
They say 'twas great and 'out of  
sight,'  
For Chicago always poses  
As Progress' outmost picket guard."  
"Comment cela?" says Mauzaize.

VI.  
Says William to Mauzaize,  
You do not understand  
How wealth and fame and honor  
grow  
In freedom's happy land.

Each grows like mushrooms in a  
night,  
But how and why it grows is  
The greatest wonder of the age."  
"C'est merveilleux," says Mauzaize.

VII.  
Says William to Mauzaize,  
"No human eye can see,  
No human tongue can tell the tale  
Of things that are to be,  
But reasoning from what we know,  
True inference discloses,  
France needs a hero, tyrant, lord."  
"A Bonaparte," says Mauzaize.

VIII.  
Says William to Mauzaize,  
"I think I can foretell  
Like Daniel, what the writing  
means  
At the monarch's festival.  
The hero's gone, though with us  
now  
His body here repôses  
Among the scenes he loved so well."  
"Vive l'Empereur!" says Mauzaize.

IX.  
Says William to Mauzaize,  
"I think I can divine  
The meaning attached to  
That little speech of mine.  
We'll drink a health to Auld Lang  
Syne  
Before the cafe closes.  
The toast shall be "Je bois toujours  
A l'Emperer," says Mauzaize.

## L. S.

On the night of the 22d of Feb-  
ruary the Union Literary Society  
gave its annual open session to  
commemorate the birth of the fath-  
er of our country.

For nearly a quarter of a century  
has it been the custom of this noble  
society, to give entertainments of  
which the Kentucky State College  
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The chapel had been most beau-  
tifully decorated for the occasion.  
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picture of George Washington,  
draped over it were the national  
and college colors. On the steps  
and in the fore part of the rostrum  
were beautiful flowers, some in  
bloom and some beautiful for their  
foliage; in their midst swords were  
hung, and behind them sat the gen-  
tlemen who were do the entertain-  
ing for the evening.

The spacious chapel was crowded  
with Kentucky's noble sons and  
fairest daughters. In front of the  
rostrum were seated the students of  
our sister institution, Hamilton  
College. They looked truly lovely  
in their becoming black frocks and  
sailor hats. We are always happy  
to have them at our entertainments  
and we here thank Prof. Skinner

for the honor he has bestowed upon  
us by bringing his school to all our  
entertainments.

As a special attraction, the society  
had requested the Hon. Evan Set-  
tle to deliver the address of the  
evening. Mr. Settle is a candidate  
for Congress from the famous Ash-  
land district, and if he is elected we  
may rest assured that his career as  
a congressman will be none the less  
glorious than that of Clay, Beek  
and Breckinridge, for in his address  
he displayed that oratory and depth  
of thought that men who are only  
truly great can display.

J. V. Faulkner, representative of  
this society in the primary inter-  
collegiate oratorical contest, was  
President. He made a superb pre-  
siding officer and the writer heard  
many compliments upon his effie-  
ieney.

As marshals, the society had chos-  
en J. I. Bryan, R. M. Millard, M.  
W. Davidson, T. P. Akers, W. C.  
Trigg and R. C. Stoll.

After prayer by President Patter-  
son, the first speaker of the evening,  
Mr. H. B. Roberts, of Payne's Depot,  
was introduced. The subject of his  
oration was "The Benefits of Liter-  
ary Societies." He handled his sub-  
ject in an admirable manner, and

with his commanding figure and  
graceful gestures held the undivided  
attention of the audience.

We were then favored with a  
stump speech by J. J. Woods, of  
Cynthiana. It was the amusing  
part of the programme, and the  
gentlemen exhibited an ability in  
this line that would eclipse Billy  
Emerson, George Wilson or Add  
Ryman in their palmiest days. Any  
one who is not acquainted with Mr.  
Woods would have supposed that  
he made his living in that way—  
but he doesn't. He simply showed  
what he can do "in a push," and we  
advise all the girls not to "take to  
the Woods." His speech was lu-  
dierous in construction, comically  
expressed and yet contained many  
truths and proper sentiments. His  
calling Washington birthday the  
"daddy of the Fourth of July,"  
evoked peals of laughter.

Rufus L. Weaver was next on  
the programme, and he handled his  
subject, "Sectional Misrepresenta-  
tion," in a manner that speaks of  
careful training and natural oratory.  
His oration was full of thought and  
he could without any effort carry  
the thread of his oration to the end.  
His rhetoric was perfect and in per-  
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The last and by odds the most important part of the program was the address; it being customary for the U. L. Society on this national holiday, to invite some one of Kentucky's distinguished sons to carry out this feature. Just as the last rounds of the music were dying away, President Patterson introduced, in his most inimitable way, the orator of the evening, the Hon. Evan E. Settle of Owenton, Ky., who stepped forward with that ease and grace so typical of Kentucky's orators.

The vast and cultured audience expected a treat and they were by no means disappointed.

The appearance of Mr. Settle was the signal for deafening applause from the male clement, while the fairer sex gave vent to their feelings by the waving of handkerchiefs and beaming faces.

Mr. Settle was in his happiest mood and from the beginning of his eloquent address there could be no doubt but that the sole attention of the gathering was his. For a period of an hour and a half he held the audience, which seemed anxious indeed to catch his every word.

He began by saying that if his address should fail in eloquence the delicate tints of rhetoric, that he hoped that those who had bestowed upon him the honor of the invitation would consider that he was making an honest and sincere attempt to please. His speech was particularly adapted to the occasion, and having a voice which seems to be the gift of the orator only; he presented in a masterly style his ideas, which were clothed in language most beautiful. As he said in the beginning, that he would be content if he pleased—right well did he succeed.

He spoke very eloquently of the men of Kentucky whose untiring efforts in the halls of Congress, and in the glorious fields of battle, have placed her upon that high plane as to make her the highest star in the grandest constellation of stars in the globe.

His tribute in particular, to General John C. Breckinridge, was indeed beautiful and coming from Mr. Settle, it impressed the audience as a flight of eloquence which can only burst forth from the lips of a man who feels the impress of his every thought. He placed him second to none. For the last half hour of Mr. Settle's address, the audience was so enraptured by his beautiful tribute to the honored dead that there remained throughout an impressive silence; a fitting

compliment indeed to his masterly eloquence. The audience seemed reluctant to elap their hands lest something of the beautiful climax of his speech might be lost in the din.

In that graceful manner so typical of Kentucky's sons, whose statemanship has such a world wide fame, Mr. Settle with an audience still as willing as in the beginning to listen to his impressive words, bowed himself away with the words "good friends, sweet friends I bid you good night." Good night had scarcely fallen from his lips when a storm of applause burst forth in one deafening strain—and it is safe to say that no audience in the Athens of Kentucky has ever been better pleased by the efforts of any orator. Hence forward Mr. Settle may feel assured that wherever he meets a member of the U. L. Society of the State College, their hands to him will be extended with a hearty welcome.

• R. C. S. and W. C. T.



*"Longum iter est per præcepta, breve et efficax per exempla"—Seneca.*

She had asked me

Would I help her

With her Latin

'Twas so hard!

Would I help her

Conjugate that

Mean irregular

Old word,

Disco. She just

Kept forgetting

The subjunctive

All the while!

Pretty lips so

Near, so tempting,

Tended strongly

To beguile;

Thought I'd teach her

By example.

Didieissem?

I should smile!

J. W. S. '95.

—The University Herald Syracuse.

Violent attacks of military have become so frequent of late that it is thought to be contagious and it is recommended that patients, as soon as symptoms appear, be removed to the hospital rooms and quarantine be established.



An exchange says the following is related of a southern Iowa editor, whose name is not given: "When a boy his father was running a printing office and publishing a weekly paper. One day an advance agent for a show came along and ordered some posters printed on cotton cloth. His order was filled, but for some reason he neglected to call for them and they were left behind. The editor's wife ran across them; as cloth was then high she took them home to line a pair of pants with, that she was making for the future editor, then a boy of ten years. As the months rolled by, the pantaloons grew bare, and at school one day he accidentally tore the seat out, leaving about one foot of lining exposed to view. This of itself would have made the boys smile, but they laughed until the tears came when they observed the following words standing out boldly in the lining in large type: "Doors open at 7:30; performance begins at 8."

Y. M. C. A.

The good accruing from an active Y. M. C. A. in any college cannot be readily estimated. The benefits derived by the students are lasting and the assistance afforded the faculty in preserving good order is not to be overlooked.

In the Y. M. C. A. of State College was never exhibited greater interest than at present. Under the management of its worthy president, Mr. Powell, it is coming rapidly to the front. Students no longer regard the Y. M. C. A. as an organization comparatively dead, but an association of the best young men in college, of which they are proud to be members.

The number of members is now about forty-five. The regular meetings held on Sunday afternoon and prayer-meeting on Wednesday nights are always well attended and great interest is manifested.

In the reading room may always

be found books of standard authors, the popular magazines and daily papers, and to these, all the students are always welcome.

At the State Convention held at Covington a few weeks since, this association was represented by seven delegates.

Messrs. Hill and Carey left on the 26th to attend the National Convention at Detroit, Michigan.

We realize that this association has exerted and is still exerting a great influence for good; but while we rejoice at this there is yet as great or greater work to be done; for yet around us the majority of our fellow students have not yet come to know the truth and light of the gospel.

With the hearty support always received from the faculty, and with increased zeal on the part of ourselves, we can look for nothing except great good.

#### A PREACHER'S FAREWELL.

A country minister in a certain locality took permanent leave of his congregation in the following pathetic manner:

"Brothers and sisters, I come to say goodbye. I don't think God loves this church very much, because none of you ever die. I don't think you love each other, because I never marry any of you. I don't think you love me, because you have not paid my salary; your donations are mouldy fruit and wormy apples, and 'by their fruits ye shall know them.' Brothers, I am going away from you to a better place. I have been called to be chaplain of a penitentiary. Where I go ye cannot come, but I go to prepare a place for you, and may the Lord have mercy on your souls, Good-bye."—Ram's Horn.

Unless some important changes occur in the treatment which we receive from the students a similar "Editor's farewell" may be expected at the expiration of our sentence here.

Among those who visited the mechanical shops and chemical laboratory of the college last week were Miss Anna Pollmeyer of Cynthiana and Miss Lottie Skelley of Toronto, Canada.

Our base ball Captain E. J. Hobdy has been laid up with a sore foot for a few days.

Base ball so far has been very quiet. "Play ball" has not been heard on the camps yet.

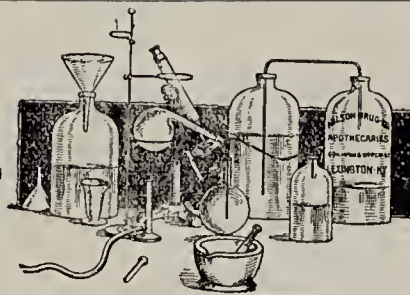


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## DECLAMATORY CONTEST.

The declamatory contest held at Cynthiana Friday night, February 25, under the auspices of Mrs. Brock, was a grand success.

At 7:30 the City School Board, consisting of Messrs Pollmeyer, Lydick, McDowell, Martin and Riggs, and Mayor Ashbrook, entered, followed by the contestants.

After the invocation by Rev. Rev. Hubbard, Prof. C. A. Leonard welcomed the visiting contestants and read a letter from Ex-Governor Proctor Knott stating why he could not be present to act as one of the judges.

Mr. McKay being absent Prof. Leonard introduced the next declaimer on the programme, Mr. T. P. Akers, of Lexington, representing the U. L. S., of State College; subject "The Closing Year." While Mr. Akers was speaking the electric lights went out and light was not restored until he had finished.

The next speaker then introduced was Mr. W. E. Clark of Asbury College, Wilmore; subject "Spartacus to the Gladiators." He acquitted himself in an elegant manner.

Mr. T. R. Dean was next on the programme representing P. L. S. of State College; subject "The South—Its Chivalry and Love." The many cards he received was a testimonial of the high appreciation in which declamation was held.

Prof. Leonard then announced that Mr. Akers would be given another trial owing to the disadvantage he was under in his first effort. He made a great improvement, as his gestures, which were unable to be seen in his first trial, were very graceful.

The next declaimer was Mr. T. S. Shannon, of Central University, Richmond; subject "Eulogy on Garfield." He had quite a large following from Millersburg, his home. Mr. Shannon is an excellent declaimer.

Mr. L. W. Arnett, of Kentucky University, was then introduced. Subject "One Niche the Highest." He showed great talent and training.

The last speaker on the program was Mr. R. D. Frisbie, a pupil of Mrs. Brock's private class in elocution. Subject, "The Black Horse

and His Rider." He plainly showed by the way he delivered it that he was no dark horse, and the applause after he finished was deafening. He was completely surrounded with flowers.

The judges, Messrs. M. I. Percival, Fred Fischer and Capt. W. C. Curd, then rendered their decision, declaring Mr. Frisbie of Cynthiana, winner of the first prize, and Mr. Clark of Asbury College, winner of the second prize.

Ex-Gov. Knott, Judge Peck and Capt. W. C. Curd were the committee of judges, but Gov. Knott and Judge Peck failed to appear.

The contest will be held next year at Lexington under the auspices of the Union and Patterson Literary Societies of the State College.

Highlanders have the habit, when talking English, such as it is, of interpolating the personal pronoun 'he' where it is not required; such as 'The king he has come.' Often therefore a sentence or expression is rendered strange, as I am going to prove. The Rev. Mac—, of a certain highland parish, recently began his discourse thus: "My brethren, you will find the subject of this discourse in the I Epistle-General of the Apostle Peter, chap. 5:8, in these words, 'The devil he goeth about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.' Now, my friends, with your leave, we will divide the subject into four heads: 'First, we shall endeavor to ascertain who the devil he was. Second, we shall inquire into his geographical location, viz.: where the devil he was. Third, and this of a general character, who the devil he was seeking. Fourthly, and lastly, we shall endeavor to solve a question which has never been solved yet, what the devil he was roaring about.'—Ex.

Mr. Jack Patrick a former student of the State College, paid a visit to the College and his former schoolmates recently, and better than all paid his subscription, whereupon we sang the doxology and now say to all "come ye and do likewise."

E. Chesterfield Aulick spent Washington's Birthday at his home in Falmouth.

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#### LITERARY NOTES.

The Review of Reviews for February is strong in all of its departments. In the "Progress of the World" the important political, social and industrial events of the month reviewed and their significance clearly and frankly set forth. This department alone contains fifty timely illustrations, chiefly portraits of well-known men and women. Among the portraits are those of President Dole and his cabinet and sketches, drawn from life, of Representatives William L. Wilson, of West Virginia; Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia; Thomas B. Reed, of Maine; Benton McMillan, of Tennessee; Thomas L. Johnson, of Ohio; and Julius C. Burrows, of Michigan. Apropos of the opening of the various other waterway projects which are being considered by European governments.

Current Literature for February seems even more than usually bright, entertaining and up-to-date, and has a sparkle and tone that is delightfully refreshing. It shows a keen grasp of the vital thought of the time in every department, and gives such a survey of the striking events of the world's progress that a study of its pages will keep one thoroughly abreast with the latest and best. Current literature is eminently a family magazine, for the range of its subjects covers almost every field of human thought and effort.

THE STATE COLLEGE CADET is kept on file at the editorial rooms of The University Review, 236 Fifth Avenue, New York City, where all college men are given a hearty welcome.

Scribner's Magazine for February opens with one of the richest articles it ever printed—a charming study of the work of Edward Burne-Jones, by Mr. Cosmo Monkhouse, the distinguished English critic. Twenty of Mr. Burne-Jones's most striking designs and pictures are reproduced by his permission and that of their

owners. A number of sketches are here reproduced for the first time, and the whole series, with the accompanying text, gives an interpretation of the exquisite quality of this imaginative artist such as has never been published in a popular article.

The secret of the great success of The Cosmopolitan is not so hard to find, if one looks carefully over the number for February. A story by Valdes, the famous Spanish novelist, the first from his pen to appear in any American magazine, is begun in this number. Arthur Sherborne Hardy's story, "A Rejected Manuscript," is charmingly illustrated by L. Marold, who we believe makes his first appearance in the magazines on this side of the water. A profusely illustrated article on the designing and building of a warship appeals to the interest taken by all in the new navy, and a thrilling description of a naval combat under the significant title: "The Meloban and the Pentheroy," describes after the manner of the Battle of Dorking a possible sea-fight, the outcome of which is watched by the entire naval world. "Gliding Flight," is an interesting contribution to the problem of aerial navigation by one who has studied the flight of soaring birds in the East for twenty years. Elaine Goodale, who married a member of the Sioux nation, has some interesting information on Indian War and Warriors. T. C. Crawford, the Washington correspondent, gives the first half of a startling story, under the title of "The Disappearance Syndicate." The poetry in this number by Sir Edwin Arnold, Graham R. Tomson and William Young, is unusually good. The Departments, "In the World of Art and Letters," and the "Progress of Science" continue to have as contributors men famous in both continents.

Colonel—"Mr. Brand, you have twenty-three demerits and—"

Mr. B.—"Why, I'm doing mighty well, aint I, Colonel?"

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